



**HOOD RIVER COUNTY**

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**NEW HOOD RIVER COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR TO START MID AUGUST**

The Hood River County Board of Commissioners is pleased to announce the appointment of Jeff Hecksel as County Administrator. Hecksel will begin his employment with the County on August 15, 2016.

Mr. Hecksel was one of five finalists invited to interview for the Administrator position. A public reception and interviews were held in late June of this year. The search to replace retiring David Meriwether started in January of this year when the county commissioners hired The Prothman Company to conduct a nationwide search to fill the post left vacant by Mr. Meriwether after 15 years of service.

Jeff is no stranger to Oregon. Prior to the last 11 years spent as the City Manager for the City of Glenwood Springs, CO, Jeff spent a 18 years in Oregon; six years as the City Manager in Monmouth, and twelve years with the City of Forest Grove, five of which he was the Assistant City Manager. Mr. Hecksel began his career in an administrative role for the City of Mesa, Arizona. He has a bachelor's degree in Local Government Administration from Central Michigan University and a master's degree in Public Administration from Arizona State University.

Jeff said "my family and I are thrilled to be able to move to Hood River County, and I am looking forward to working for the Board of Commissioners, with County staff, and with community members." Jeff enjoys working with people to get things done and plans on being part of the community for many years.

**About Hood River County**

Hood River County is a local not-for-profit government organization managing core community services to support a healthy, thriving Hood River. The County maintains road and bridges, county parks and forests; provides law enforcement, emergency services and 911, community planning, prevention and juvenile intervention, public health services, veteran's services and county records. ###